

# THE CENTENNIAL.

The Preparations Being Made at New York for Celebrating Washington's Inauguration.

The Ceremonials at Gotham to be of a Decidedly Expensive and High-toned Character.

Great Military and Naval Show to be Reviewed by President Harrison—What the Cost Will Be.

San Francisco Chronicle: The first official notice of the intention of the state of New York to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the organization of the constitutional government of the United States was contained in a memorial presented to President Cleveland March 10, 1888. In that memorial it was urged that remarkable and becoming as were the ceremonies in recognition of 1776, of Yorktown and of the formation of the federal constitution of 1787, the anniversary of the 30th of April, 1789, was more noteworthy as commemorative of the taking of the oath of office by George Washington, whereby the wheels of a republican constitutional government were set in motion. The parties presenting the memorial were the chief officers of a committee of New York's citizens, and its object was to ask the president to make the matter the subject of a special communication to congress, inviting national co-operation. Expanding on the "broad characteristics" which were to mark the celebration, the plan and scope of the observances were set down as contemplating a military and naval parade, in which the United States troops and navy and the military and industrial organizations from all the different cities and states were to participate, some formal exercises on the steps of the sub-treasury, where Washington was inaugurated, the delivery of a commemorative oration and poem, to wind up with a banquet, to which the honored guests of the city were to be invited, the whole affair being included in one day. These guests by the way, were indicated as being the president, cabinet officers, federal judiciary, members of congress, heads of departments, governors and legislators of the different states and territories, the resident representatives of foreign governments and the representatives of the various organizations and societies of the union.

This programme, it will be observed, had about it all the merits of simplicity, shortness and popularity, but since then a very decided change has come over the plan of arrangements. "Sassiness," in the person of Ward McAllister, got its kid-gloved grip on things; the committee began to give itself aristocratic airs, the programme was elaborated, exclusiveness became the watchword, and what was originally contemplated for the many was reserved for the few. It is gratifying to find that the priggish leader of a priggish set has been bounced, and it is to be hoped that the people may be once more duly recognized, although it is feared the taint of phariseism still rests on the robes of those in charge.

As at present arranged the celebration will extend over three days. Indeed, in the endeavor to follow historical precedent, the president will leave the capital Thursday, April 23, as George Washington did, and arriving at Philadelphia the same evening will there be banqueted, as Washington was, on the next day. Leaving Philadelphia early on Saturday morning, April 27, he will proceed to Trenton—following the historical precedent again—and then, as Gen. Washington did, will spend the night at Princeton college. There he will in all probability spend the Sunday, but will leave his resting place so as to be at Elizabethport not later than 11 a. m. on Monday, April 29.

At Elizabethport the presidential party will be taken off by a steamer to the United States steamer Dispatch, on board of which the naval review will be held. All the available vessels, including the Yorktown (our very latest effort at naval construction) and whatever foreign vessels may be in port, will be ranged in a double line up New York bay. Passing these, the United States steamer bearing the presidential party will anchor off Wall street ferry, and the president will be taken into the ferry slip by a barge manned by a crew of ship masters from the Marine society of New York, the crew of the ferry, and the crew of the Washington, which brought President Washington to Wall street ferry being members of the same society. It is calculated that the presidential party will land in New York about 1 o'clock, and each vessel, after saluting, will follow the president's ship, it is to be imagined that the lower part of New York city will present a very lively marine appearance about that time. The presidential party will be met at the Wall street ferry by the mayor and other officials of New York, the governors of different states and territories, the general committee in a body and a select representative committee of a thousand persons, embracing the worth, intelligence, power and civilization of New York, drawn from the most honored names in the city and representing more than one hundred pursuits, from the ruler to the artisan. At the moment of landing all the bells in New York will ring, and to their music and under the escort of national troops, the presidential and reception parties will proceed up Wall street to the Equitable building, where, in the rooms of the Lawyer's club, a reception and luncheon will be served. This luncheon and reception will be an invitation affair, and it was concerning the exclusive character of the invitations and the expensive character of the feast that the first kick came. The invitations are to be gorgeous affairs of six sheets, decorated with seals, copies of historical paintings, medallions of the presidents, odes and poems, lists of the committees, etc., and the menu. Some idea of their elaborate character may be gathered from the fact that 2,000 of them will cost \$4,000, or \$2 apiece, \$8,000 of which has been appropriated by the general committee, the other \$1,000 being a subscription from Tiffany & Co., who have been entrusted with the work.

The collation being over, the presidential party is then to move to the city hall, where a public reception will be held, and the common people will be permitted to grasp the hand that grasped the aristocratic fingers of Ward McAllister.

Monday, April 29, will be brought to a close with a grand ball at the Metropolitan opera house. It is proposed to make this the grandest ball ever given in New York, and from the amount of money to be expended thereon, it ought to be. Here are the principal items:

Use of Metropolitan opera house.....	\$ 3,100
Supper at ball.....	15,000
Wine.....	13,125
Boxes on stage.....	2,100
Decorations.....	2,500
Flowers.....	3,200
Music.....	1,500
Police.....	250
Staining vestibule.....	25
Cloakroom and ushers.....	350
Steam lighting.....	600
Vestibule doors.....	50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$41,100</b>

The ball is to open with a grand exclusive quadrille and the very proper high-toned character of that quadrille is the rock upon which Ward McAllister came to grief.

Tuesday, April 30th, will open with a

brief religious service in St. Paul's church, where Washington, Vice-President Adams and the two houses of congress attended service on the day of inauguration, a hundred years ago, and as Dr. Provost, the bishop of New York, conducted the service in 1789, so Bishop Potter will conduct it in 1889. Here again it becomes a question of "the select." St. Paul's Chapel is a small building with ground floor seats for 500 persons and gallery seats for 350 more. This service is to be held at the early hour of 9 o'clock a. m.—according to early precedent—at which time, too, in consonance with a proclamation issued by the president on the 4th inst., similar services will be held in every place of worship throughout the Union. The services at St. Paul are to last but an hour. From the church the president and party will move to the steps of the Sub-Treasury building at the corner of Nassau and Wall street, where the formal literary exercises will take place. A poem is expected from the venerable Quaker poet, John Greenleaf Whittier, Chauncy M. Depew will deliver the oration, the president will make a few remarks, and Archbishop Corrigan will pronounce the benediction. At 11 o'clock precisely a salute of twenty-one guns will be given to the American flag and the ships-of-war of every nationality and from all the forts about New York harbor; and then the grand military parade will pass the reviewing stand at the corner of Wall and Nassau streets, where stood a hundred years ago old Federal hall, the scene of the inauguration ceremony. The entire national guard of New York state will probably turn out, an event that has not occurred since the close of the war. The West Point and Annapolis cadets will appear; there will be a long line of regular troops and contingents from many of the states. The president and the governors of the states will ride in carriages in the procession, which will proceed up Broadway to Waverly place, down that to Fifth avenue and up Fifth avenue to Fifty-ninth street. This is the people's show, but here again the "exclusive" business has crept in. There are to be two triumphal arches on Fifth avenue, one at Twenty-third and the other at Twenty-sixth street, and between them a grand stand is to be erected. Admission to this favored enclosure, which will accommodate less than 5,000 people, is to be by ticket, and the distribution of the seats is to be made among the guests of the different states and territories. Every consideration is to be shown these favored 5,000. Thus, those invited guests who desire to remain on the steps of the sub-treasury until the close of the literary exercises can then step across to Fifty-ninth street and thence go by special train to Twenty-third street and Third avenue, where carriages will take them to a point on Madison avenue communicating with Madison square by private entrance to the grand stand.

In the evening there will be a display of fireworks and a banquet at the Metropolitan opera house, which will be the "big feed" of the whole celebration. The details of the menu need not be given and it is enough to say that it embraces the best of everything and is the very antithesis of such a feast as would be given in the inaugural days of the early republic. The character of the banquet can perhaps be guessed at by reading that it is to cost the trifling sum of \$14,520.50, of which \$5,000 is to be paid for wines. This expenditure would not be had if it were for the benefit of the public, but unfortunately the "representative" character of the crowd that is to go down to the ferry to meet the president is not carried into the banquet room and only 800 people are to sit down thereat, these 800 being the big guns of the whole affair.

May 1st, the third and last day of the celebration, will be marked by a grand industrial parade, which is expected to be a grand display of historical and trade subjects, and which is to be reviewed by the president from the grand stand on Fifth avenue.

During the celebration an art loan exhibition will be given at the Metropolitan opera house. This will consist of historical portraits and authenticated relics of a variety and value never before approached.

It is expected that the expenses of the whole celebration will exceed \$100,000, of which New York city pledges itself for \$70,000.

The Cable Company's Mules.

Anaconda Review: The Review has a mule story to tell, which we will vouch for as a strictly true one. As all know there are many prospect holes on the Cable mountain that have long since been abandoned. The Cable company have a team of mules, which, when not engaged in work, are turned out to graze on the hills. Two weeks ago one of these mules was missing, and one of the men was detailed to hunt it up. His efforts were a failure, and the fourth day the mule was given up. The seventh day after the mule had been missed a couple of men who are on the night shift were taking a walk over the mountain. They passed by an abandoned shaft and for some season or other looked down it and thought they saw something move. Closer examination revealed to them the missing mule at the bottom of a fifty foot three compartment shaft, entirely unharmed, and a limb broken. He had been there seven days without food. There was considerable snow in the shaft which furnished moisture for him, and which broke the fall as well. There was an old whim on the mine and a sling was made and the imprisoned mule quickly brought to the surface, where some hay had been brought to give him a decent meal after his long fast. When set down on terra firma he took one mouthful of hay and started straight for the stable. He is now working as if he had never had the unusual experience of falling down a fifty-foot shaft, without injury.

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